

## Open Space Committee Town Hall Annex, First Floor Notes on Meeting April 27, 2017

**Present:** Ann LeRoyer, Wendy Richter, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Nat Strosberg, John Pickle **Absent:** Brian Kelder, Teresa DeBenedictis, David White, Jane Auger, Kelsey Cowen, Elena Bartholomew

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm Since we did not have a quorum, we did not review or approve the March minutes.

## **New Town Committee: Public Land Maintenance Work Group**

Ann and David are on this committee, which met for the first time in April to share information and discuss issues related to public lands. Other groups represented are: Town Manager's Office, Recreation Department, Department of Public Works, Planning Department, Park and Recreation Commission, Finance Committee, and a resident at large. We will work on an inventory of all public spaces and other initiatives as time goes on.

### 25th Anniversary of Minuteman Bikeway Committee

Nat reported that the first event will be on Monday, May 22 with former planning director Alan McClennen talking about the long planning process for the bikeway. A bike tour from Bedford to Arlington is set for Saturday, September 23.

#### Take A Walk/Connecting Arlington's Open Spaces

Nat has finalized the East Arlington map, and John will prepare a QR code to add to it. Ann and Nat will meet with town webmaster Joan Roman to work out details for posting it and printing copies to be handed out as part of Ann's OSC annual report to Town Meeting.

Members continued working on the Heights map, drawing out possible routes on the northern and southern side of Mass Ave. Wendy will develop a map scale so it is the same for all maps. We prioritized the order for completing new maps: 1-Heights North (Reservoir, Mt. Gilboa, etc.), 2- Center (Menotomy Rocks Park, Robbins Farm, Town Hall Gardens, etc.), 3-Heights South (Dallin School area), 4-Symmes/Morningside areas.... all still a work in progress.

#### **Picture Post Project**

John will finalize his article for the Arlington Advocate and outreach to ACMI, Your Arlington, etc. It will be also included on OSC section of the Town website, along with links to other sites.

#### **Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)**

We briefly discussed ways to get this system to work easily for everyone .... to be continued.

At the May meeting we should make some assignments of projects for each of us to work on so we start documenting what's happening and test out the forms.

# **News and Reports**

Thursday, May 11 landscape lecture talk by Mia Lehrer, who in 1977 prepared a report on Mill Brook Linear Park. Ann will attend, and maybe others.

Submitted by Ann LeRoyer

**2017 Meeting Dates** (4th Thursdays) May 25, June 22, July and August TBD